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TO: Examiner Daniel J. Jenkins
Group Art Unit: 1742
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,215
For: NITRIDED VALVE METALS AND
PROCESSES FOR MAKING THE SAME
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Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the final Office Action dated March 22, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before June 22, 2006.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.